

## ACTIVE WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS.

BEDFORD EQUALITY LEAGUE BEGINS  
ITS SEASON'S WORK.

The first meeting of the season of the Bedford Political Equality league was held last evening at the residence of the president, Mrs. Priscilla Dudley-Hackstaff, 282 Jefferson avenue. There was an unusually large attendance, as the league is one of the most energetic of the local branches and is constantly increasing its membership, seven having joined since September. The officers of the Bedford league have just completed a course in parliamentary law drill and the proceedings last night were conducted on the principles laid down by Mrs. I. A. Conklin, who conducted the drill class. Mrs. Hackstaff presided and Miss Craft recorded.

At its annual meeting late in the spring the league adopted a resolution to ask the authorities that something be done in the case of the Armenian outrages and last evening a letter was read from Acting Secretary of State Edwin F. Uhl, stating that proper measures had been taken in the matter.

Mrs. Hackstaff was elected delegate to the state suffrage convention at Newburgh from November 8 to 12. The call to the convention, issued by the state association, was read and all the members urged to attend the sessions, which promise to be of unusual interest. The league will co-operate with the county organization, of which it is a branch, in the testimonial to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, at the Metropolitan Opera house, New York, on November 12. The Kings county league has secured twenty seats together for its representatives, who will be distinguished by badges of pale yellow.

After the business session Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, president of the New York branch of the foreign missionary society of the Methodist church, spoke on "The Three Inheritances of Woman." The first of these was dominion; the second the inheritance of suffering, brought about through sin and the predominance of animal over spiritual force, and the third the spiritual, which was set forth in the gospel of Christ. Among other things Mrs. Baldwin said that if the doctrines of Christ were interpreted to mean that man should be enfranchised and women subjective, then her Christ had not yet come, but to her mind the gospel of Christ did not carry that idea. In concluding she said that to the false interpretation of the gospel by the church was largely due woman's subjective position to-day and that if the churches would take the matter up the enfranchisement of women would soon be an accomplished fact.

The Rev. Alice Wright made a few remarks, saying that she was proud to belong to a church (Universalist) that had always stood for equality of men and women in the church and believed that the position of the church at large had helped to put woman in her present subordinate position.

Mrs. James Scrimgeour, president of the Health Protective association, also spoke briefly, indorsing Mrs. Baldwin's and Mrs. Wright's remarks.

Mrs. Hackstaff urged the members to work for Mr. Ray, senatorial candidate in the Eighth district, as he had worked for suffrage in the assembly, and now they must be neither Republicans nor Democrats, but suffragists.

Mrs. Emma F. Pettingill of the board of education, who had promised to address the league, sent a letter of regret.

A few remarks were made by Mr. Perkins in response to the announcement by Mrs. Hackstaff that the corresponding secretary had become Mrs. Perkins during the summer vacation. There were a number of men among the audience, but none made any remarks on suffrage.

The session closed with informal discussions on a variety of subjects, followed by social reunion.